Kindly amend the claims as follows.

1-28. (canceled)

29. (presently amended) A Mmethod for the ~~initialisation~~initialization of mobile data carriers (IM) with assigned ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write stations (WR) and/or of ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write stations (WR) within the frame~~work~~ of an ~~authorisation~~authorization system (A), wherein ~~authority (HA) in a secure environment (g)authorisation means (AM) at an authorisation with authorisation by an characterised in that initialisation~~initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I) are generated ~~and transmitted through~~in an authorization process in a secure environment (g) at an authorization authority (HA) by means of authorization means (AM) and said initialization data are sent over a network (N) in a secure communication ~~and with~~according to security rules corresponding to the ~~authorisation~~authorization system to a ~~decentralised~~decentralized ~~authorised~~authorized read and write station (A-WR) ~~and wherein~~where the mobile data carriers (IM) are ~~correspondingly~~ initialized (IMj) with the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI) ~~at the read and write station (A-WR)~~

and/or that the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI) are ~~transmitted through~~sent over the network (N) to a ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write station (WR), by means of which the read and write station is ~~initialised~~initialized (WRk).

30. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA) is formed by a host computer (H) or by a remote ~~authorisation~~authorization read and write station (R-A-WR).

31. (presently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the ~~authorisation~~authorization means (AM) are ~~formed by~~consisting of special ~~authorisation~~authorization identification media (AM-IM) or ~~by~~of ~~authorisation~~authorization data (AM-I).

32. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein a (non-~~authorised~~authorized) ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write

station (WR) at is first ~~of all~~ is transformed into an ~~authorised~~authorized read and write station (A-WR) by means of function ~~authorisation~~authorization data (A-I-FA) which are contained in the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI), and which subsequently is capable of ~~initialising~~initializing mobile data carriers (IM) in correspondence with the ~~initialisation~~initialization data.

33. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein within the ~~framework~~ of the ~~authorisation~~authorization system (A) several ~~authorisation~~authorization authorities (HAi) with the same and/or with differing ~~authorisation~~authorization levels (OLi) are provided.

34. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein several ~~authorisation~~authorization means (AMi) with the same and/or with differing ~~authorisation~~authorization levels (OLi) are provided.

35. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I) are ~~sent~~transmitted to the ~~authorised~~authorized read and write stations (A-WR), ~~resp.~~, or to the ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write stations (WR) through more than one network level (N1, N2) and/or through more than one ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA1,HA2).

36. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI) are ~~transmitted through~~sent over a secure private network (Np).

37. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in~~wherein the ~~initialisation~~initialization data are sent over~~transmitted through~~ an open public network (No) with an encryption and security gates on both sides (G1, G2).

38. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein with the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI2.2) application extensions (App2.2) are ~~initialised~~initialized.

39. (presently amended) The mMethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein with the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI3) new independent applications (App3) are ~~initialised~~initialized.

40. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein in a blank mobile data carrier which is prepared with a system data field (CDF) applications (App) are newly ~~initialised~~initialized with the ~~initialisation~~initialization data (DI).

41. (presently amended) The mMethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~through the network (N)~~ a permanent connection over the network (N) is made between the ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA) and the ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write station (A-WR, WR) ~~is in existence~~.

42. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~the~~ connection between the ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA) and the ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write stations (A-WR, WR) over~~through~~ the network (N) is only ~~in existence~~ made occasionally and ~~that~~ when ~~it is~~ an exchange of data takes place.

43. (presently amended) The mMethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein for the ~~initialisation~~initialization a user ~~authorisation~~authorization (aw) is effected by the read and write station (A-WR, WR), ~~resp.,~~ or by its owner (12) ~~and~~/or ~~that~~ an identification ~~authorisation~~authorization means (ID-AM) is ~~required~~necessary.

44. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein for an ~~initialisation~~initialization a user ~~authorisation~~authorization (ai) by~~through~~ the data carrier ~~resp.~~ or by the owner (13) of the data carrier takes place.

45. (presently amended) The mMethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein for the ~~authorisation~~authorization of ~~initialisation~~initializations over~~through~~ the network (N), as well as for the execution of applications at the read and write station (A-WR, WR), ~~resp.~~ at the data carrier (IM) personal data (aw) of the owner of the read and write station or ~~resp.~~ personal data (ai) of the owner of

the data carrier, ~~such as a PIN code or biometric data,~~ are ~~made use of~~used as ~~authorisation~~authorization means.

46. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the mobile data carriers (IM) comprise an applications micro-processor (AppuP) for the processing of applications program data (I-I-Cod).

47. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the data carriers (IM) are designed as contact-less, active or passive identification media.

48. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the mobile data carriers (IM), ~~the authorisation~~authorization identification media (AM-IM) and ~~the~~ identification ~~authorisation~~authorization media (ID-AM) are formed by the same mobile data carriers.

49. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein status informations (S-I) concerning events at the ~~authorised~~authorized, ~~resp.~~or at the ~~decentralised~~decentralized read and write stations (A-WR, WR) and/or at the mobile data carriers (IM) ~~is announced~~are sent to a corresponding ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA) ~~through~~over the network (N).

50. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 49, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the status informations (S-I) ~~are~~is utilized for usage ~~or~~ licen~~s~~ce fee debiting.

51. (presently amended) The m~~M~~ethod according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein every new ~~initialisation~~initialization of a data carrier (IM) for the purpose of debiting a usage or licence fee is ~~announced~~sent to the ~~authorisation~~authorization authority (HA) ~~through~~over the network (N).

52. (presently amended) ~~Method in accordance with~~The method according to claim 29, ~~characterised in that~~wherein every usage of an application at a decentralized read and write station

(WR) for the purpose of debiting a usage or licensee fee is sent communicated to the authorizationauthorization authority (HA) overthrough the network (N).

53. (presently amended) The mMethod according to claim 29, characterized in thatwherein a multi-level initializationinitialization of the data carriers (IM) throughover networks (N) is provided, which is effected in hierarchically graduated steps within the framework of the authorizationauthorization system (A).

54-56. (canceled)

57. (new) A mobile data carrier (IMj) for the communication with assigned decentralized read and write stations (WR, Wrk) within the frame of an authorization system (A), said mobile data carrier comprising initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I), wherein said initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I) are generated in an authorization process in a secure environment (g) at an authorization authority (HA) by means of authorization means (AM) and said initialization data are sent over a network (N) in a secure communication according to security rules corresponding to the authorization system (A) to a decentralized authorized read and write station (A-WR) where the mobile data carrier is initialized (IMj) with the initialization data.

58. (new) A read and write station (WRk) for the communication with assigned mobile data carriers (IM, IMj) within the frame of an authorization system (A), said read and write station comprising initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I) wherein said initialization data (DI, A-I, I-I) are generated in an authorization process in a secure environment (g) at an authorization authority (HA) by means of authorization means (AM) and said initialization data are sent over a network (N) in a secure communication according to security rules corresponding to the authorization system (A) to a decentralized read and write station (WR) by means of which the read and write station is initialized (WRk).